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TOWN AND COUNTRY

About Local People and Events and Other Matters of Interest

Oysters 45c qt at Patrick's.
Oranges 25c dozen at Patrick's.
Boys and girls skates very cheap for Xmas at Patrick's.
Special prices on percolators for Xmas at J. B. Patrick's.
You will save \$5.00 if you buy a range this week at Patrick's.
A nice new rag carpet of 24 1/2 yards for sale by Mrs. Childress.
Go to Laura Love's variety store for Christmas china and cut glass.
Fancy work materials of all kinds at Laura Love's variety store.
A soft coal Peninsular heater, as good as new, for sale by E. B. Allen.
Chases and Holly brand candies in Christmas boxes at Downey's drug store.
Four blooded Light Brahma roosters for sale at 75 cents each. W. A. Cutler.
Laura Love's variety store has a full line of handkerchiefs for the Christmas trade.
Saturday night, January 1, the Modern Brotherhood will meet for the installation of officers.
A large assortment of Xmas toys, candy, nuts, oranges, bananas, celery and oysters at J. B. Patrick's.
The Reading Circle will meet with Mrs. E. E. Benson Tuesday evening, December 28. Leader, Mrs. C. C. Bigger.
N. B. Cross of route one had two cars of fat sheep on the market Tuesday, one at St. Louis and the other at Kansas City.
French ivory dressing and manicuring sets, ivory clocks and odd ivory pieces at right prices at Downey's drug store.
With adjournment Friday afternoon the public school will take a vacation of one week, convening again on Monday, January 3.
W. S. Mossberger has moved his family here from New Cambria and is now at home on the Henry Kraft place which he recently bought.
"Soldiers of Fortune," the big moving picture show of the season at the Laclede theatre Friday night, December 31. Admission 10 and 20 cents.
E. R. Barton shipped in a car of lambs last Saturday that will be fattened on his farm on route two and returned to market in about two months.
Ed. J. Baker, one of our good Chariton county friends, made his annual call last Monday renewing his subscription for another year and that of his father, E. B. Baker of Spokane, Wash.
Dr. E. S. Linhart has been requested to take charge of Dr. Drew's practice at Browning during Saturday, Sunday and Monday while the Browning osteopath takes a short vacation. This gives Dr. Linhart an opportunity to spend Christmas at home.
Joseph Albin, who with an extra gang of thirty-five Italians, laid fifteen miles of heavier steel on the south end of the K. C. this fall, finished that work last week and took charge of his section here again. Lewis Shaw had charge of the section during Mr. Albin's absence.

Passing of a Good Woman

After an illness extending over several months, Mrs. J. E. Kent passed away at the family home last Monday night at the age of 51 years, 10 months and 15 days.
Marie Christine Louise Ehrich was born February 5, 1864, in Friedewalde, Germany, of Christian and Christine Ehrich. Of her four brothers three are living. They are: Henry, the oldest brother, who lives in Laclede; Chris, who lives in Whittier, California; and Wilhelm, who lives in Friedewalde, Germany. The fourth brother died in infancy.
Mrs. Kent came to this country in the early part of September, 1885. On February 26, 1890, she was united in marriage with J. E. Kent, of Brooklyn, Iowa, to whom were born eight children: Ethel, Madge, Marie, Amy, Lena, Harry Elver, Muriel, and Erma. Of these all are living to comfort the bereaved husband except Harry Elver who died in infancy.
Mr. and Mrs. Kent made their home in Brooklyn, Iowa, until February, 1902, when they moved to Laclede, where they have resided ever since.
Mrs. Kent was born and grew to womanhood in the Lutheran church. She was baptised the twelfth of February, 1864. Upon coming to America she became a member of the Madison M. E. church of Brooklyn, Iowa, and continued in that belief up to the time of her death.
As we look by faith to that eternal future "we know that if the earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heaven."
The funeral services were held at the M. E. church Wednesday morning, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dueker, the sermon being preached by Rev. Mendenhall, a former pastor of the church.
Mrs. Kent was a member of Golden Rod camp Royal Neighbors of America and carried a \$1000 insurance policy in that order. The members of the camp attended in a body and at the close of the sermon conducted the burial services of the order. In charge of Director Nichols the remains were laid to rest in the Laclede cemetery. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.
We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the sympathy and help tendered us by our many friends in our bereavement.
J. E. KENT AND FAMILY.
Season's Greetings
The Benson Banking Company expresses its appreciation of your patronage and extends to you its best wishes for a happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.
Last Notice
Wire fencing has already advanced very materially on the market and another sensational advance is predicted for January 1. Our present low prices will remain (which is away below the market price) for the remainder of December. Those needing fencing will find it to their interest to buy this month.
J. B. PATRICK.
There will be preaching at the Baptist church next Sunday at 11 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening by the pastor, Rev. R. L. Stratton. All are cordially invited and will be welcome.

ON LOCAL SUBJECTS

Local Items and Interesting Bits of News of All Sorts

The rural carriers will make their regular delivery on Christmas day. The postoffice will be open at the usual hour in the morning and all departments will remain open during the forenoon but will close at noon for the remainder of the day. Those wanting their mail will make due notice and be there at the proper hour.
The case of C. L. Griffith against Claud L. Huffman, wherein the plaintiff seeks damages from Huffman for stopping as a guest at Brown hotel while sick with the smallpox, was called in the circuit court at Linneus last week and on motion of the defendant was transferred to the Brookfield circuit court. Huffman's wife secured a divorce last week and was given an allowance of \$40 per month from Huffman for maintenance of herself and children.
D. L. Casteel, who lived on the Deininger farm north of town during 1914 and had a public sale in October of that year and moved to Wisconsin and later to Iowa, was here Monday and thru the real estate agency of B. S. Rankin, bought the Hetrick place of forty acres a mile north of town and will return with his family in the spring to make their home here again. The farm sold for \$2250.00. This good family will be welcomed back by their many friends here.
At the regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen last Wednesday night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. J. Caywood, consul; J. B. Carothers, advisor; H. L. Allen, banker; J. Clair Lomax, clerk; Chas. Mahurin, escort; L. B. Haley, watchman; Ed. Randall, sentry; Geo. W. Anderson, manager for three years; Drs. F. W. Burke and J. C. Caldwell, physicians. An invitation was extended to the Royal Neighbors to hold a joint installation in January.
Mr. and Mrs. Phares Shive of Crossett, Arkansas, who have been on THE BLADE list almost since the first issue twenty-five years ago and never once allowing their subscription to lapse, remitted yesterday for 1916. They report delightful weather down there with warm and pleasant days and only few time a little frost in the mornings. They are getting along as well as could be expected "during these democratic times" and the European war. They extend the season's greeting to their many old Laclede friends.
Mrs. C. C. Bigger was hostess to the P. E. O.'s last Wednesday evening. The dining room was decorated with red and green with the annual Christmas box in the center, other rooms being decorated with flowers and Christmas bells. A three course turkey luncheon was served, the hostess being assisted by Miss Vivian Caywood, Miss Emma Gould, who is shortly to leave Laclede for an indefinite time, was presented with a lovely bible. The guests were Mrs. Ed. Downey, Miss Dora Goins, Miss Louese Haight, Miss Catherine Moore and Miss Vivian Caywood. The menu included a generous supply of English walnut meats sent by Mrs. C. E. Hilton from her California home.

No Blade Next Week

As has been the custom for a number of years THE BLADE will not be issued next week. The next is January 7, 1916. The office will be open each day as usual for the transaction of job and subscription business and more business the better. In this connection we wish to thank our patrons and friends for their patronage during the year just coming to a close. Wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, we hope to greet you again in fourteen days.
Methodist Church Notes
H. J. Dueker, Pastor.
At the morning service Rev. J. D. Mendenhall will preach and present the cause of the retired ministers. Come, hear the former pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., Wm. Kraft, superintendent. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m., Paul S. Lomax, leader. Preaching services at 7:30 p. m. A genuine Christmas cantata entitled, "The Children of Bethlehem," will be given Friday, beginning at 7:30 p. m. This is not a program of only small children. Men 50 to 70 years old will take part. Characters will appear in fine costumes like those of the Orient. There will be no admittance fee charged, but a free-will silver offering will be appreciated. An opportunity for such an offering will be afforded at the door. The money is needed to defray the extra expenses. Those who want good seats must come early.
To Our Friends and Customers
The lengthening shadows of the closing year remind us of the anniversary of the day when "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" was proclaimed. At this particular time, each and all of us, young and old, vie with one another in trying to do something, no matter how little, to make this a season of joy and happiness. The star that directed the wise men of the East to the manger in Bethlehem is still in the firmament, and in the past year has safely guided our ship of state into the harbor of peace with all nations on the earth. While our hearts go out to the unfortunate people who are engaged in this, the most horrible conflict in the world's history, let us not be unmindful of the fact that we have been spared. We should all be thankful for these manifold added blessings and this season especially we wish you a Merry Christmas and trust the New Year will bring you much happiness and prosperity. May the beginning of 1916 be the harbinger of peace to be restored to all nations, and we trust this great United States will continue to do its full duty to all mankind. Sincerely yours, J. B. PATRICK.
Member of O. E. S.
Monday night, December 27 is installation of new officers, and it is desired there be a full attendance. The brothers are the refreshment committee. M. E. BIGGER, Sec.
Seed Oats
I have a car of nice, bright, clean, Texas Red seed oats. A part of them for sale. See sample at either bank. Leave your order for the amount you want with Chas. B. Welsh before they are gone. JOHN L. WELSH.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

Christmas gifts 5 and 10 cents at Rest Room.
Ira Downey made a business trip to Macon Monday.
Geo. C. Denbo made a business trip to Linneus Monday.
Geo. Calhoun is home from spending a month at Adrian.
C. M. Eastman of Brookfield was a business visitor in Laclede Tuesday.
Mrs. G. W. Thompson of Sumner spent Sunday with friends here.
Mrs. Lucy Drew visited with friends in Meadville last Sunday evening.
Rev. W. R. Shane was down from Kansas City on business yesterday.
Mrs. Rawn of Brookfield visited over Sunday with her sister, Mrs. J. C. Fletcher.
R. D. Thompson of Meadville was here for a short visit with relatives last Sunday.
A. O. McQuown and family have spent the past week with relatives at Moosville.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haight and daughter, Miss Grace, spent Sunday and Monday in Kansas City.
Mrs. Vivian Donoley of Peoria, Ill., spent Monday and Tuesday here with her grandfather, A. H. Love.
Mrs. J. H. Durocher of Kansas City came last Saturday for a visit with her father, W. A. Balcom and family.
Wm. T. Cory was down from Cora on business Tuesday. He has traded out his business and moved to a farm near Cora.
Prof. Paul S. Lomax of the state university, is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lomax and other relatives.
Mrs. Virginia Kailer of Naperville, Ill., arrived last Saturday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kraft and other relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Thompson of Centerville, Iowa, spent a few hours among friends here last Sunday, taking dinner with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bigger.
Fred Clinefelter, student in the agricultural department of the state university, is home from Columbia to spend the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Clinefelter.
Miss Lena Mendenhall who has returned from Howard Payne college, Fayette, to the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Mendenhall in Brookfield, made a short visit among her friends here last Saturday.
Professor Ottilia W. Dueker of Friends University, Wichita, Kan., is here to spend the Christmas vacation at the Methodist parsonage. Miss Dueker is the older daughter of Reverend and Mrs. H. J. Dueker.
Chris Ehrich of Brooklyn, Iowa, spent Sunday and Monday here with his brother, H. Ehrich and family and his sister, Mrs. J. E. Kent and family. Mr. Ehrich has been extensively engaged in farming at Brooklyn but is retiring and going to California.